



Chess Chatter

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The **Port Huron Chess Club** meets Thursdays, except holidays, from 6:30-10:00 PM, at Palmer Park Recreation Center, 2829 Armour Street, (NE corner of Garfield Street and Gratiot Ave...1 mile North of the Blue Water Bridge) Port Huron, Michigan. Everyone is welcome. All equipment provided. Email: PtHuronChessClub@aol.com or Website: <http://porthuronchessclub.volasite.com>

West controls his own destiny as final rounds of the 2017 PHCC Championships approach.

Tony West seems determined to secure his second PHCC Championship crown as a 6th round showdown looms with 5 Time Champion **Alan Gregg**. With a half point lead over Gregg, it would take a total collapse on his part to stymie his seemingly overwhelming momentum as he looks to complete a clean sweep in the 40th rendition of the PHCC's premier event!



L-R, Front to Back: Tony West, Avery Jones, Fred Lahr and Matt Morabito.

The top heavy cohort featuring 5 entrants with ratings over 1800 represents a stronger than usual cluster, making an undefeated result a rigorous proposition



L-R, Front to Back: Alan Gregg, Bill Wingrove, Tony West, Avery Jones, Fred Lahr and Matt Morabito.

2017 PHCC Championships – Standings As of 2-9-2017

#	Name/Rtn/ID	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7
2	Tony West 1889 12565951 (1878)	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	---	B 1	W 7
1	Alan Gregg 1941 12824548 (1913)	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.5		
5	Frederick Lahr 1812 12135980 (1812)	W 3	B 2	W 1	B 7	W 6	---	B 4
3	Matthew Morabito 1860 12577179 (1898)	B 5	W 4	---	B 2	W 1	B 7	W 6
4	Lonnie Rutkofske 1859 10288347 (1905)	---	B 3	W 2	B 1	W 7	B 6	W 5
6	Avery Jones 1675 12577178 (1751)	W 2	B 1	W 7	---	B 5	W 4	B 3
7	William Wingrove 1614 12181760 (1700)	W 1	---	B 6	W 5	B 4	W 3	B 2

indeed. That being said, a quick perusal of the game scores illustrates less than stellar play, and yet it seems as if Tony has been immune to the "blunder mania" plaguing the remainder of the field! While the trend favors the front-runner, as usual, it's the finish that counts! Stay Tuned!

Newcomer Josh Muir leads the field in the 2017 PHCC Novice Tournament

In a second concurrent novice event, SC4 student **Josh Muir** has taken a commanding early lead in the inaugural winter tournament with the majority of its participants new to the club! With father and son team of **Don** and **Liam**

Best representing Sarnia, **Gerrit Beneker** serving as houseman, the trio of **R.C. Barnes, Jeshua**



L- R : Don Best and his son, Liam

was not required and Lon figured that the increased anxiety caused by using a chess clock for the first time would be enough distraction and add an unnecessary variable to the learning curve of any novice!

h Mitchell and **Jared Sergent** round out this intrepid crew participating in their first ever PHCC chess event!

The tournament features a 7 round, double-round robin event with G/30 time controls. Because this is a novice event, keeping score



Foreground Josh Muir vs Gerrit Beneker,
Background - Jared Sergent vs Kyle Skonieczny

Thusfar the Point Scores are as follows: Josh Muir = 8.5;Gerrit Beneker = 7; Jeshuah Mitchell= 2.5, R. C. Barnes = 2; and 1 point each for Liam Best, Don Best, and Jared Sergent. All Games need to be completed by March 9th at 9:30 PM.

Needed: PHCC volunteers for the PHASD/Phil Willard Memorial Tournament on March 25th

Once again the Evon Rodriguez has asked for PHCC to volunteer and lend support and expertise to this year's 21st tournament. Please let Lon know if you can attend and help. We would need to be there by 8:00 am on Saturday morning. See the flyer on the final page of this issue!

Members' Games

Please send me what you consider your best games, annotated or not, so that I might be able to showcase them.



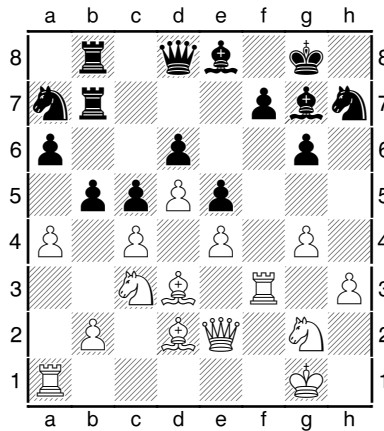
The following games represent contests that have been available at the time of this printing. Email them to me or give them to me personally, if you wish. Majority of analyses is done by Fritz 12, unless otherwise indicated.

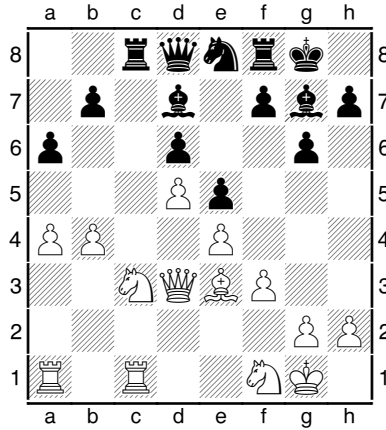
Gregg,Alan (1941) - Rutkofske,Lonnie (1859) [A40] Modern Defense

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (3), 02.02.2017[Fritz 12]
1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e3 d6 4.Bd3 Nd7 5.c3 a6 6.Nbd2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.e4 e6 9.Re1 [Fritz 12: 1) 9.Nc4 Ngf6 10.Qe2 h6 11.h4 0-0 12.Bf4 d5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Nce5 Re8 15.Rfe1 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Ne4 17.Rad1 Nc5 0.71/18 ; Fritz 12: 2) 9.Qe2 Ngf6 10.Nc4 h6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Ncxe5 0-0 13.Bd2 Qe7 14.h3 Nd5 15.Ng4 h5 16.Nh6+ Kh8 17.c4 Nb4 18.Be4 0.73/17] **9...Ne7 10.Nf1** [Fritz 12: 1) 10.Nc4 Nf6 11.e5

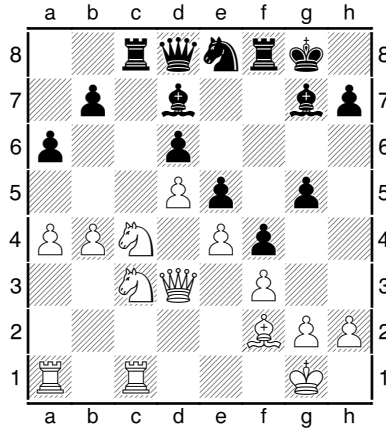
dxe5 12.Nfxe5 Nfd5 13.Bd2 0-0 14.Qg4 Nc6 15.Bg5 Nxe5 16.dxe5 Qd7 17.Rad1 h6
 18.Bh4 Bc6 0.97/16 ; Fritz 12: 2) 10.a4 0-0 11.Nc4 d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Bg5 Bf6
 14.Qd2 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 Qf6 16.a5 Nf4 17.Ne4 Qh4 18.axb6 cxb6 0.79/15 | **10...Rc8**
11.Qe2 [Fritz 12: 1) 11.Qe2 Ra8 12.Ne3 0-0 13.Ng4 Nf6 14.Nh6+ Kh8 15.Bf4 Qd7
 16.h3 Nc6 17.Qd2 Nh5 18.Bg5 Bf6 0.85/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Qe2 Ra8
 13.Ne3 Nf6 14.Nc4 h6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qd2 Bg7 17.h3 Qd7 18.Qf4 Nc6 0.83/15 ; Fritz
 12: 1) 11.Bg5 0-0 12.Qe2 Ra8 13.Qd2 b5 14.a4 f6 15.Bh6 Nb6 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.axb5
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 Qd6 18.h6 Bxh6 19.Nc4 Qd7 20.Nfxe5 1.53/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 12.Bf4 0-0 13.Ne3 a5
 14.Ng4 c5 15.dxc5 Rxc5 16.Red1 Nbc6 17.Bb5 d5 18.Be3 Qc7 19.Bxc5 bxc5 1.43/15 |
12...0-0 13.Be3 [Fritz 12: 1) 13.Bg5 c5 14.d5 Qc7 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.Ne3 Nec6 17.Ng4
 Nd7 18.Bc4 Rce8 19.Bxa6 Nde5 20.Nfxe5 Bxa6 21.Qxa6 Bxe5 22.Nxe5 1.25/16 ; Fritz
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 19.Bxa6 Bxa6 20.Qxa6 Rb8 21.Re2 Rfe8 1.19/15 | **13...Qd7 14.Qd2** [Fritz 12: 1)
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 Rce8 21.Bc4 Rxe6 22.Bxe6+ Kh7 23.Nc4 1.28/14 ; Fritz 12: 2) 14.h4 f5 15.Bg5 fxe4
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 22.Bxd5 1.23/13 | **14...Rfd8 15.c4** [Fritz 12: 1) 15.Bh6 c5 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Ne3 Nbc6
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 12: 1) 16.d5 a5 17.Bh6 Na6 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Ne3 Nb4 21.Be2 Nec6
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 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nxd4 Nbc6 19.Nxc6 Nxc6 20.Ne3 Qe7 21.Red1 Ne5 22.a5 bxa5
 23.Rxa5 Rc5 24.Rda1 Rxa5 25.Rxa5 0.07/15 | **16...e5 17.Qc2** [Fritz 12: 1) 17.a5 b5
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17...Qe8 18.Nh4 [Fritz 12: 1) 18.Qb3 Nd7 19.a5 Rb8 20.axb6 Bc8 21.Bd2 Nxb6
 22.Qc2 Nd7 23.Ba5 Nb6 24.Ne3 Qd7 25.h3 Qb7 26.Bc3 Bd7 27.Ng5 1.50/19 ; Fritz
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25.Rf1 Re8 26.Rf2 Bf6 27.Re1 Rbd8 28.Ng5 0.54/15] **21.f5** [Fritz 12: 1) 21.f5 Nf6 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Ne3 Bd7 25.Nf3 Rdc8 26.Kg2 gxf5 27.exf5 Rc7 28.Be4 Qf8 29.Qc3 0.64/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 21.Nf3 exf4 22.Bxf4 Ne5 23.Nxe5 dxe5 24.Bd2 Bh3 25.Ne3 Rd6 26.Bc3 Rf6 27.Kh1 Rb7 28.a5 Rf3 29.axb6 0.59/15] **21...Nf6** [Fritz 12: 1) 21...Nf6 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Nf3 Qd7 25.Ne3 Bb7 26.a5 bxa5 27.Rxa5 Rf8 28.Ng4 Bg7 29.Qd2 h5 0.64/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 21...Bb7 22.a5 gxf5 23.axb6 f4 24.gxf4 Nxb6 25.fxe5 Bxe5 26.Nf3 Ng6 27.Nxe5 Qxe5 28.Qb3 Nd7 29.Ng3 0.89/14] **22.fxc6** [Fritz 12: 1) 22.Bg5 h6 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Nf3 Bd7 25.Ne3 h5 26.Qc3 gxf5 27.exf5 Rdc8 28.Be4 Rc7 29.b3 Qc8 30.Qc2 0.67/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 22.Bd2 gxf5 23.Nxf5 Nxf5 24.exf5 Bd7 25.Bg5 h6 26.Bh4 b5 27.axb5 axb5 28.Nd2 Ra8 29.Ne4 bxc4 30.Bxc4 Qe7 31.Kg2 0.48/15] **22...hxc6 23.Bg5 Nh7 24.Bd2** [Fritz 12: 1) 24.Bd2 Bd7 25.Ne3 Ng5 26.Rf1 Rb7 27.a5 Nh3+ 28.Kg2 Rdb8 29.axb6 Rxb6 30.Bc3 Bh6 31.Qe2 Bg5 32.Ng4 Bxh4 33.gxh4 0.40/16 ; Fritz 12: 2) 24.Bc1 Bd7 25.Bd2 f6 26.Ne3 Ng5 27.Rf1 Nh3+ 28.Kh1 Qf7 29.Nf3 Bh6 30.a5 b5 31.cxb5 Bxb5 32.Bxb5 0.31/15] **24...Nf6 25.Ne3 Rd7 26.g4** [Fritz 12: 1) 26.a5 Rdb7 27.Bc3 Bh3 28.Nf3 Ng4 29.Nxg4 Bxg4 30.Qf2 Qd7 31.h4 f5 32.axb6 Rxb6 33.Ng5 Rf8 34.Ne6 0.56/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 26.Bc3 Rdb7 27.a5 Bh3 28.Nf3 Ng4 29.Nxg4 Bxg4 30.Qf2 Qd7 31.h4 f5 32.axb6 Rxb6 33.Ng5 Rf8 34.Ne6 0.56/15] **26...Rdb7** [Fritz 12: 1) 26...Ra7 27.h3 Bd7 28.Rf1 Qd8 29.Be2 Nh7 30.Nf3 Bh6 31.Kg2 Ng5 32.h4 Nxf3 33.Rxf3 Bf4 34.h5 gxh5 35.gxh5 Qc7 36.Bc3 0.35/17 ; Fritz 12: 2) 26...Rdb7 27.h3 Bd7 28.Rf1 Ra7 29.Be2 Nh7 30.a5 Ng5 31.axb6 Rxb6 32.Ba5 Rb8 33.Kg2 Qc8 34.Nf3 Nxf3 35.Bxf3 0.37/16] **27.h3** [Fritz 12: 1) 27.Be2 Nh7 28.Nhg2 Bd7 29.h4 Qc8 30.Bc3 Nf6 31.g5 Ng4 32.Nxg4 Bxg4 33.Ne3 Bxe2 34.Qxe2 Qh3 35.Qg4 Qxg4+ 36.Nxg4 Rc7 37.Rf1 0.40/18 ; Fritz 12: 2) 27.h3 Bd7 28.Rf1 Qd8 29.Rf2 Nh7 30.Nf3 Bh6 31.Nd1 Bg7 32.Qb3 Nf6 33.Ne3 Qc7 34.Ng5 Re8 35.Bc3 0.32/17] **27...Nh7 28.Nd1 Bd7 29.Nc3 Qd8** [Fritz 12: 1) 29...Qd8 30.Nf3 Qc7 31.Rf1 Rf8 32.Be3 f5 33.gxf5 gxf5 34.exf5 Bxf5 35.Rf2 Bxd3 36.Qxd3 Nf5 37.Rg2 Nxe3 38.Qxe3 Qc8 39.Rf1 Qxh3 0.85/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 29...Ra7 30.Rf1 Qf8 31.Nf3 Rc7 32.Rf2 Qc8 33.Be3 Qb7 34.Raf1 Rf8 35.Nh4 Rcc8 36.Qb3 0.74/14] **30.Ng2 Qc8 31.Rf1 Be8 32.Qc1** [Fritz 12: 1) 32.Rf2 Bd7 33.Raf1 f6 34.Nh4 Qe8 35.Qb3 Rc7 36.Nf3 g5 37.Be3 Ng6 38.a5 bxa5 0.98/14 ; Fritz 12: 2) 32.Rae1 Rc7 33.Rf2 Bd7 34.Ref1 f6 35.Ne3 Ng5 36.Kg2 Ra7 37.Rxf6 Bxf6 38.Rxf6 Qc7 0.80/14] **32...Qd8 33.Rf3 Nc8** [Fritz 12: 1) 33...Bd7 34.Be3 Qc7 35.Rf2 Rf8 36.Nh4 Bf6 37.Nf3 Rbb8 38.Qc2 Bg7 39.Raf1 Rbd8 40.Nh4 Rb8 0.78/15 ; Fritz 12: 2) 33...Nc8 34.Qe1 Ng5 35.Rg3 f6 36.h4 Nf7 37.g5 fxc6 38.hxc6 Bd7 39.Nh4 Ne7 40.Rf3 Bg4 41.Rf2 0.92/15] **34.Qf1 Na7 35.Qe2** [Fritz 12: 1) 35.Ne3 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.axb5 Ng5 38.Rf2 Nxb5 39.h4 Nxc3 40.Bxc3 Nh7 41.Qh3 Nf6 42.h5 Ra8 43.Rxa8 0.96/13 ; Fritz 12: 2) 35.h4 b5 36.cxb5 axb5 37.a5 Rc7 38.a6 b4 39.Ne2 Nb5 40.Ne3 Nf6 41.g5 Nh5 42.Qg2 0.77/14] **35...b5** Diagram

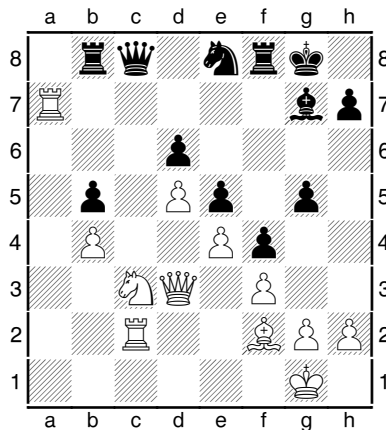




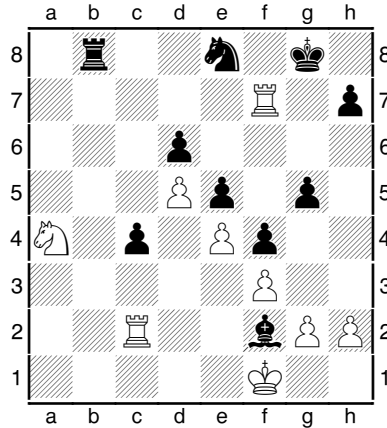
[I really like this move because it permits the reposting of the KN to stronger squares and really prohibits Black's counter play along the f- file.] **18...f5 19.Nd2 f4?** [A choice that relieves the tension, permits a superior position for the B and severely limits Black chances for K-side counter play! Now White can concentrate on a full break on the Q-side with all but a single black piece effectively placed beyond his second rank. White is totally in control now! **20.Bf2 g5 21.Nc4** Diagram



With threats at a5 and b6 Black's situation is dire! **21...b5 22.Nb6 Rb8 23.Nxd7 Qxd7 24.axb5 axb5 25.Ra7 Qc8 26.Rc2** Diagram



26.Na2, Qd8 27.Rc6 then Nc3 looks very interesting! **26...Qc4 27.Qxc4 bxc4 28.b5 Rf7 29.b6 Bf6!** [A superb move to prevent any foolishness long the back rank and getting the K to the center just in case Black can survive this pressure!] **30.Kf1!** [A superb move to prevent any foolishness long the back rank and getting the K to the center just in case Black can survive this pressure!] **30...Bd8 31.Na4 Bxb6 32.Rxf7 Bxf2??** Diagram

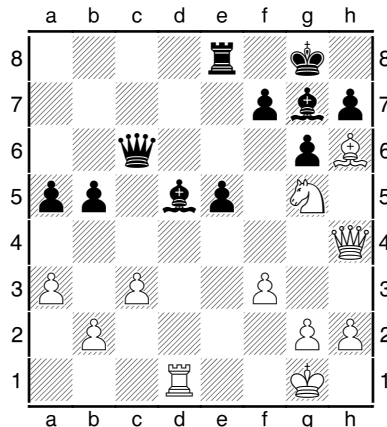


[Desperation, because now Matt is hoping that this loss of the exchange will result on counter play, but Tony is wise to his tricks and methodically dismantles his wounded opponent!] **33.Rf5 Bd4 34.Rxg5+ Kf7 35.Rxc4 Rb1+ 36.Ke2 Rb3 37.Kd2 Ra3 38.Nc3 h6 39.Rf5+ Kg6 40.Rf8 Nf6 41.Nb5 Be3+ 42.Kc2 Ra2+ 43.Kb3 Rxg2 44.Nxd6 Rxh2 45.Nf5 Rh3 46.Rc6 1-0**

Wingrove, William (1614) - Lahr, Frederick (1812) [B27] Sicilian Defense

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1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.dxc5 Qa5 5.Bd2 Qxc5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Be3 Qa5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5 12.c3 Nc6 13.Be2 Qa5 14.Qc2 e5 15.Rfd1 Bf5 16.Qb3 Qc7 17.Nd2 Rfd8 18.Nc4 Be6 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.Qc2 b5 21.Nd2 Nd4 22.Qd1 Nxe2+ 23.Qxe2 a6 24.a3 Bf5 25.f3 Bd3 26.Qf2 Re8 27.Nb3 Bc4 28.Nc5 Qc6 29.Rd1 Bf8 30.Ne4 a5 31.Qh4 Bg7 32.Bh6 Bd5 33.Ng5? Diagram

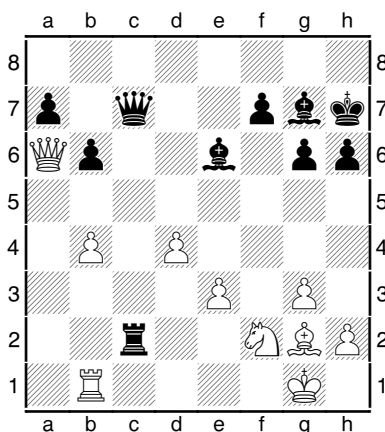


[33.Rd5!!, Qd5 34.Nf6+, Bf6 35.Qf6 wins after 35...Qd1+ 36. Kf2, Qc1 37. Kg3!] **33...Qc5+ 34.Kh1 Bf6 35.Qg3 b4 36.axb4 axb4 37.Ne4 Bxe4 38.fxe4 bxc3 39.bxc3 Bd8 40.Qf3 f6 41.h3 Kf7 42.Bg5 Be7 43.Rf1 Qc6 44.Bh4 Rc8 45.Rc1 Kg7 46.Qd3 Ba3 47.Rc2 g5 48.Be1 Rb8 49.Kh2 Rb1 50.Bd2 Bc5 51.Qd5 Bg1+ 52.Kg3 Qb6 53.Qd7+ Kh6 54.Bxg5+ fxg5 55.Qg4 Qf2+ 56.Rxf2 1-0**

Morabito,Matt (1812) - Gregg,Alan (1941) [A37] Symmetrical English

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 16.02.2017 [Alan Gregg]

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.O-O Bg7 5.c4 e6 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.d3 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.a3 [Relevant: 9.Bf4 0-0 10.Qc1 b6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.h3 d4 14.Ne4 Nd5 15.Re1 f5 16.Ned2 Bb7 17.Nc4 Qf6 18.Qd2 Re7 19.h4 Rae8 20.h5 gxh5 21.Nh4 Ne5 22.Nxe5 Rxe5 23.Nf3 R5e7 24.a4 f4 25.Kh2 fxf3+ 26.fxf3 Ne3 27.a5 Nxf2 28.Rf1 Rxe2 0-1 (28) Gunina,V (2525)-Lagno,K (2530) Doha 2016] **9...0-0 10.Rb1 h6 11.Bf4 Be6 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.b4N** [Predecessor: 13.Nb5 a6 14.Nc7 Rc8 15.Nxe6 fxe6 16.Bh3 Nf5 17.Qd1 Qf6 18.e4 dxe4 19.dxe4 Rcd8 20.Qb3 Nfd4 21.Nxd4 Nxd4 22.Qxb7 Ne2+ 23.Kh1 Nxf4 24.gxf4 Qxf4 25.Qxa6 Be5 0-1 (25) Kasel,A (1412)-Henning,Y (1576) Magdeburg 2013] **13...cxb4 14.axb4 Rc8 15.Bd2 b6 16.Qa3 Qd7 17.Rfc1 Nf5 18.e4** [18.Nb5; 18.e3] **18...dxe4 19.Nxe4** [19.dxe4 Nfd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Rd1 Bg4 22.Nd5 Bxd1 23.Rxd1 Rfd8] **19...Nfd4 20.Nxd4 Nxd4 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Be3 Nc2 23.Qa6 Nxe3 24.fxe3 Rc2 25.Nf2 Qc7 26.d4** Diagram

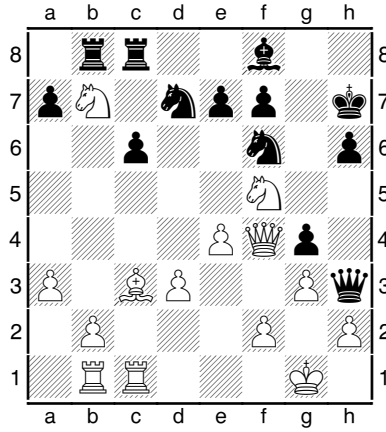


[26.Rf1 Re2 27.d4 (27.e4 Bd4 28.Qa3 Ra2 29.Qc1 Qxc1 30.Rxc1 Rxf2) 27...Rxe3 28.d5 Bf5] **26...Rc1+?** 26...Rf2!! wins a piece and the game because if 27. Kf2, Qc2+ wins the rook! Morabito] **27.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 28.Qf1 Qxe3 29.d5 Bd7 30.Kh1 f5 31.b5 Qc5 32.g4 Bxb5 33.Nd3** [33.Qe1 Bc4 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Qc1 Qd4 36.Bh3 Bxd5+ 37.Kg1 Kg6] **33...Qc4 34.gxf5 Qxd3 35.fxf6+ Kxg6 0-1**

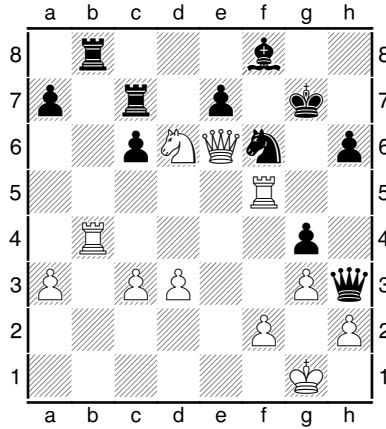
Lahr,Frederick (1812) - Jones,G. Avery (1675) [A11] English Opening

2017 PHCC Championships Port Huron (5), 16.02.2017

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Qa4 Bg7 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.O-O 0-0 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.a3 N7b6 10.Qc2 Be6 11.d3 h6 12.Bd2 Qc8 13.Rfc1 Qd7 14.Ne4 Bh3 15.Nc5 Qc8 16.Bxh3 Qxh3 17.Nxb7 Rfc8 18.Rab1 g5 19.e4 g4 20.Nh4 Nf6 21.Bc3 Nbd7 22.Nf5 [24...Qh5! was essential to get the Queen back into the game!] **22...Bf8 23.Qd2 Kh7 24.Qf4 Rab8** Diagram



25.e5 Nd5 26.Qe4 Nxc3 27.bxc3 Kg8 28.e6 Nf6 29.exf7+ Kxf7 30.Qc4+ Kg6 31.Re1? Kxf5 32.Qf7 Qh5 33.Qe6+ Kg6 34.Re5 Qh3 35.Rb4 Kg7 36.Rf5 Rc7 37.Nd6!! Diagram



37...Rxb4 38.Qf7+ Kh8 39.Qxf8+ Ng8 40.Nf7+ Kh7 41.axb4 e6 42.Ng5+ hxg5 43.Rxg5 Nh6 44.Qf6 Rf7 45.Qg6+ Kh8 46.Rh5 Qxh5 47.Qxh5 Rh7 48.Qe8+ Ng8 49.Qxe6 1-0

Dues News:

While dues are not required for anyone interested in playing at the club, they are required for those competing in tournament play. Annual Dues are \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for those under 19. Dues funds are used to offset miscellaneous expenses not funded by the Recreation Department.

Calendar of Events: [Note the change for the First Thursday of Each Month.](#)

First Thursday of Each Month - Chess Clinics- 6:30 to 7:00 PM - \$7.50 per person. From 7:00 until 10:00. Players wishing to play Challenge matches with longer time controls of G/60 with 5 sec delay can choose to play match games if they so desire. Participants will be required to follow the rules and regulations for **Challenge Play** (As outlined in Chess Chatter, our website under "Club Member Ratings Lists", or posted at the club.) and colors will be selected by lot. PHCC club ratings will be used. Players should turn their game scores into Lon, so he can adjust ratings appropriately and showcase the games in *Chess Chatter*.

2017 Events Schedule:

Jan 12 -Mar 16 PHCC Championships/ Novice Tournament

April No Tournaments

May 18 -PHCC Rated G/15 - Double Round Robin - G/15 minutes: EF: \$5.00 A/\$2.50 Jr. PHCC membership required. Tournament begins at 7:00 PM, but register with Lon before if possible. A minimum of 4 players required. Prizes based on entries.

June 8,15,22 PHCC/USCF Rated G/90 Mini-Swiss

July 13, 20, 27 PHCC Rated Action Double RR G/30 (2 Games/night)

August 10 Double Round Robin G/5 Blitz Tournament

August 17 Fischer 960 Tournament - DRR - G/10

Sept. 14, 21, 28 PHCC/USCF Rated G/90 Swiss (1 game/night)

October 12 Handicap Speed Tournament G/5

October 26 PHCC G/5 Speed Championships

Nov. 16 18th Duncan Memorial Turkey Gobbler Tournament

December No tournaments

PHCC Rating Lists

The following list represents only current members of the Port Huron Chess Club. Current USCF ratings were used for members that had them, in order to establish the initial club rating list. The USCF rating format is used as the basis for calculating our club rating list. Members that had no USCF ratings are given a provisional rating based on their performances against regular club members who had USCF ratings. Club rated events will use these ratings for pairing purposes.

PHCC Rating List as of 2/21/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2118
Gregg, Alan	1913
Rutkofske, Lon	1905
Morabito, Matt	1898
West, Tony	1878
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Jones, G. Avery	1751
Wingrove, Bill	1700
Bedy, Noel	1647
Roome, Eric	1641
Scholfield, Chris	1503
Beneker, Gerrit	1483
Webb, Austin	1406
Muir, Josh	1000
Barnes, R. C.	800
Best, Don	800
Best, Liam	800
Mitchell, Jeshuah	800
Sergent, Jared	800

USCF Ratings as of 2/21/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2121
Gregg, Alan	1940
West, Tony	1889
Morabito, Matt	1860
Rutkofske, Lon	1859
Lahr, Frederick	1811
Jones, G. Avery	1649
Wingrove, Bill	1614
Roome, Eric	1546
Bedy, Noel	1529
Webb, Austin	1406P

PHCC Speed Ratings as of 2/21/17

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Bruziewicz, Andrew	2249
Gregg, Alan	1957
Roome, Eric	1916
Lahr, Frederick	1812
Rutkofske, Lon	1862
West, Tony	1815
Morabito, Matt	1796
Jones, G. Avery	1666
Wingrove, Bill	1609
Scholfield, Chris	1552
Bedy, Noel	1505
Webb, Austin	1363
Beneker Gerrit	1287
Muir, Josh	1000
Barnes, R. C.	800
Best, Don	800
Best, Liam	800
Mitchell, Jeshuah	800
Sergent, Jared	800

Phil Willard Memorial Chess Tournament



Saturday, March 25, 2017

Port Huron High School Cafeteria

Registration will take place from 8:00 to 8:30 a.m.

NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

5 Round Tournament

Round 1 - 9:00 a.m.

Round 2 - 9:45 a.m.

Round 3 - 10:30 a.m.

Round 4 - 11:15 a.m.

Round 5 - Noon

Tournament and trophy presentation will conclude by 1:00 p.m.

Open Tournament—FREE to all students currently attending
Port Huron Schools in grades Kindergarten through 12th
Time limit 15 minutes per player per round (Game in 30 minutes)

Prizes will be awarded according to the following grade classifications:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

(Grade classifications without a minimum of 6 players will be
paired in the next highest grade classification)

CHESS SETS WILL BE PROVIDED

- ◆ Parents are responsible for the transportation and supervision of their children.
 - ◆ Participants may bring their own refreshments.
 - ◆ Pizza and other concessions will be available for purchase.
 - ◆ Concession proceeds to benefit Hunter Hospitality House.
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